

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr. (Late), Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, City Treasurer, Chris Cotillo, Chief, Tiffani Darby, Administrative Assistant, LaTasha C. Gatling, City Administrator, Earl Ivey, Lieutenant, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jane Talbert, Grants Writer, Johnny Thompson, Director of Public Works, Michael Warrick, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer, UkkunkdoOhwaka, Nuisance & Abatement Coordinator

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Bruce Bates, Bates Trucking

- Mr. Bates stated that he has been in business since 1960 and is our current refuse collection company.
- Mr. Bates stated that he is presented the 95 gallons refuse cans to hold garbage and prevent rodents to from getting inside.
- Mr. Bates stated that several municipalities has the carts in their towns.

- Mr. Bates stated that each cart will have the City logo on them and a barcode to determine, which address the cart belongs too.
- Mr. Bates stated that he did not include the price of the cart in the proposal.
- Councilwoman Stephenson inquired of the price for the carts.
- Mr. Bates stated that the price will be \$.25 per cart per month
- Mr. Thompson inquired on the turnaround time for the repair of the carts.
- Mr. Bates stated that it will be approximately one week turn around for repair.
- Mr. Bates stated that they have a truck with a cart repair to repair the carts in house.
- Mr. Bates stated that the recycle cart is one color versus the refuse cart having a black top.
- Councilman Porter inquired on the time for the delivery of the carts.
- Mr. Bates stated that the carts will be delivered in six to seven weeks.
- Mr. Bates stated that the cost for the purchase of the carts they incur the upfront cost and the City will pay the cost over the term of the contract.
- Councilmember Higgs inquired if the carts are stolen will they be replaced.
- Mr. Bates stated that they will replace and put the cost of replacement on the next month bill.
- Councilmember Porter inquired on the one day pick up potentially being mandated.
- Mr. Bates stated that a few of the municipalities has reduced to one day per week for cost effectiveness. Those municipalities have the large carts to maintain the trash.
- Mr. Bates stated that Prince George's County is the only County that has not changed to one day per week.
- Mr. Bates stated that you can put twelve 13 gallon trash bags in the 96 gallon cart can.
- Mr. Bates stated that they offer on premises options for seniors and handicap.
- Mr. Bates stated that the cost of the carts are \$60.00 per household

2.2. Jesse Tarrt, JEDA Trucking

- Mr. Tarrt stated that his company has been in business since 1995 and they were incorporated in 1995.
- Mr. Tarrt stated that he offer the cans and submitted a proposal for the cans and recycle bins.

- Mr. Tartt stated that the cost of the 90 gallon can is \$55.00 and the can will take 60 days to be delivered. The cost stated is for his company logo.
- Mr. Tartt stated that the contract will be for five years with the cost of the cans.
- Mr. Tartt stated that the turn-around time for repair is one week from notification. The cans are dumped by the trucks.
- Mr. Tartt stated that he has eight employees and four trucks
- Mr. Tartt stated that they offer a back door pick up for seniors and handicap.
- Mr. Tartt stated that his trucks can do trash and recycling. He stated that he dedicate one truck per route and he can handle the requirements for the City.
- Mr. Tartt stated that he will pick up the trash from the Elementary School, City Hall and give \$2,500 to the school per year.

2.3. Alphonso Fielding, Fielding & Sons

- Mr. Fielding did not attend the Regular Work Session on Monday, November 3, 2014.

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Resolution R-15-07 Support of the Sustainable Maryland Communities. Resolution R-15-07 was introduced and read by the City Council on Monday, November 3, 2014. It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve Resolution R-15-07. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.2. Resolution R-15-08 Declaration of Municipal Government Works Month. Resolution R-15-08 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, November 3, 2014. It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve Resolution R-15-08. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Grant was absent from the meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014.

4.2. City Administrator Report:

- Ms. Gatling stated that we have selected a vendor for the Fun & Fit Park. The vendor selected is Green Site, LLC. In the upcoming weeks we will

begin preparations for the park. We project that the park will be up and ready to receive visitors by Spring 2015.

- Ms. Gatling stated that the energy audit was conducted on the Gaskins Property as part of the grant we received from Maryland Energy Administration. The contractors have begun making the necessary upgrades to the Barbershop and the Church. The upgrades include new water heaters, new furnace and appliances.
- The city staff completed mandatory harassment training on Friday, September 26, 2014. The class was divided into two sessions. One for the supervisors and one for the all other staff members.
- City Hall and the Public Works buildings have been power washed a couple of weeks ago.

4.3. Departmental Reports

- The Department Heads read and presented their reports to the City Council for the month of October.
- The City Council questions were answered and suggestions was noted by the Department Heads from the Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Council Calendar

- Council President Simms stated that for the Council to review and bring any suggestions to the next month Regular Work Session.

5.2. Approval of City Administrator to sign contract to collect Outstanding Speed Camera Citation

- Councilwoman Simms stated that she had some concerns regarding the collection company fees.
- Ms. Gatling stated that she did not receive a response from the company regarding her questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1. Council Budget FY2015-2016

- Council President Simms stated that she would like for the Council to review the budget for any changes or recommendations.
- Council President Simms said it will be completed in the Regular Work Session for the month of December.

6.2. Council Cellular Devices

- Ms. Gatling stated that the conversation with Mr. Ashton and Mrs. Lanham regarding the concerns with the cellular phone services from the elected officials.
- Ms. Gatling stated that they are looking to phase in the cellular phone plan for the next budget year to make the change with a new vendor.
- Ms. Gatling stated that to upgrade the cellular devices with the current carrier is not budgeted. If we change to another carrier we will need to purchase new equipment.

6.3. Meeting Attendance

- Council President Simms requested that the Council need to call in if they will not be in attendance of the meetings.

6.4. Christmas for Kids

- Council President Simms stated we can have someone dress as Santa Claus and the children can have their pictures taking.
- Ms. Gatling stated that the program need to be referred to as Holiday for Kids for legality purposes.
- Councilmember Porter wanted to where the funding will be allocated.
- Council President Simms stated that the monies can be deducted from the Council Contingency line item.
- The Council consensus was to have the event on a Saturday afternoon in Council Chambers.
- The City Clerk to poll the Council for the date of the Holiday for Kids due by Monday, November 10, 2014.


7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. **Medal of Service Award Ceremony, Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.**
- 7.2. **Public Session, Monday, November 10, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, at 7:00p.m.**
- 7.3. **Veteran's Day Breakfast, Tuesday, November 11, 2014, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.**

- 7.4. **PGCMA Meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2014, City of Hyattsville, 4310 Gallatin St., Hyattsville, MD from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**
- 7.5. **Municipal Government Education Day, Friday, November 14, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.**
- 7.6. **National League of Cities-Congress of Cities & Exposition, Tuesday, November 18-Saturday November 22, 2014, Austin, TX.**
- 7.7. **College Preparation Session, Saturday, November 22, 2014 Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 7.8. **Regular Work Session, Monday, December 1, 2014 Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.9. **PGCMA Legislative Dinner, Tuesday, December 2, 2014 Newton White Mansion, 2708 Enterprise Rd., Mitchellville, MD at 6:00p.m. \$60.00 per ticket, please inform City Clerk if you're interested in attending. We need to RSVP for the occasion.**
- 7.10. **Public Session, Monday, December 8, 2014, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk